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Appl. Serial No. : 09/667,097 Confirmation No. 63354

Title : **METHOD FOR SEPARATING BACKGROUND SPRITE
AND FOREGROUND OBJECT AND METHOD FOR
EXTRACTING SEGMENTATION MASK AND THE
APPARATUS**

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RESPONSE AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 11, 2004 (the three-month response date for which is November 11, 2004), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.